

♂ Gender and the Postmodern Culture of Chaos: A Biblical Response ♀



“Children of the Night”

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
OCTOBER 8TH, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Eighth Day of October, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.



“The Bible never separates Election from its moral and spiritual ends... Men are elected to holiness, service, fruit bearing, etc. Let us not teach Election in isolation from these ends.”

—Alva J. McClain, on Election

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* (#299; v. 1).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“God is so Good”* (#433).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 139:1-16.**

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Special Music: **Anna Mason** (*“Abide with Me”*).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“God Leads us Along”* (#432).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“GENDER CONFUSION: A BIBLICAL RESPONSE (PT. 2).”*

Closing Hymn:* *“This World is not my Home”* (#311; v. 1).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZPAQIuabZiWE8eVNQuACAQ>

See our rumble channel (TerryReese) <https://rumble.com/c/c-3127604>

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 6:30 PM.



Please make plans to join us this week for our continuing studies in the book of Daniel, and to in the ministry of corporate prayer, known as **THE POWER HOUR!**



Stewardship Week of Oct. 1 – Oct. 7

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I0;

Midweek—5; Weekly Offering—\$472.⁰⁰



Our **CEF Fall Party** for children will be **THIS WEEK** on **Friday, Oct. 13**, from **6:00 to 7:30 PM**. **Let's pray and invite!** We will be having **HOT NACHOS** for the kids! We extend our special

thanks unto Cathy Sloan and her team of volunteers for their willingness to come and minister unto children, offering their time, talents, and resources at their own expense. Please forward any contributions to may feel led to share to **Child Evangelism Fellowship; P.O. Box 403; Indiana, PA, 15701**

In Memoriam

As a Church Family, we mourn the loss of our dear brother, **Harry Richards**, and are thankful that he was able to share the last Sunday of his mortal existence with us at Holy Communion. In times like these we are especially thankful for the certain hope of Eternal Life (1 Thess. 4:18)! We also extend our sincere sympathies & prayers unto Harry's family.

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The Social Backdrop of Postmodern Gender Confusion

By Pastor Terry L. Reese (10/07/23)

A. Postmodernism: a relativistic way of perceiving reality; a skepticism towards our ability to perceive “Truth,” whether it be by means of traditional religious belief or through logical scientific inquiry. Reality is *subjective, relative, and flexible*.

B. Progressivism. MAN functions as his own savior, with the messianic ability to radically redeem and reconstruct human society, in accordance with natural “evolutionary” processes and human development.

C. Humanism: MAN—*not God*—is the measure of all things, creating his own standards and code of ethics; Man *is* “god.”

D. Radical individualism: “*Life is all about MY personal happiness & autonomy—even God only exists to serve ME!*”

E. Our de facto **national “civil religion”** in today’s America has been referred to as “**Moralistic Therapeutic Deism**.”

i. MORALISTIC (practical & pragmatic, promoting basic *ethics*):

Some sort of “God” exists who created the world and who watches over us. This “higher power” wants people to be good and nice to each other—as advocated all the world’s religions.

ii. THERAPEUTIC (you must *always feel good about yourself*):

The *central goal of life* is to be happy and to feel good about ourselves; it is NOT about bringing glory unto God or obeying Him, or being convicted of personal sin. “Good people” (i.e., just about *everybody*) will certainly all go to heaven.

iii. DEISM (God should have *little to do with our daily lives*):

We do NOT want or desire God to be particularly involved in our personal lives—EXCEPT when we need Him to resolve some sort of problem for us. God is kind of like a *waiter* or a *genie*—we only call on Him when we *need* something, and then *dismiss* Him.

As all of this relates to today’s Trans-Ideology: The secular attitude is that the human body is NOT something that belongs to God that is designed for His glory. Rather, it belongs to *us* as autonomous humans to do with whatever we want—or to *redesign* as we see fit, like a blank canvas. In severe *contrast* is the **Biblical view**: our bodies are given by God for *His* use and *His* glory (cf., Ps. 100:3, 1 Cor. 6:19).